

REMARKS

Applicant again wishes to thank the Examiner for her time and assistance in the telephone interview on November 8, 2004. The telephone interview was conducted between Examiner Hwei-Sui C. Payer and Applicant's representative, Patricia A. Limbach (Reg. No. 50,295). Claims 18, 26 and 33-65 as proposed in Applicant's Draft Amendment A, received October 27, 2004, were discussed. The Examiner indicated that if the proposed claims were filed as a formal amendment, the status of the claims would be:

1. Claims 34-36 38, 39-41 and 43 would be rejected as anticipated by Gardner U.S. 1,323,042.
2. Claims 34, 37-39, 42 and 43 would be rejected as anticipated by Daboul U.S. 2,423,487.
3. Claims 18, 26, 33, 44-48 and 54-60 would be allowable.
4. Claims 49, 51, 53, 61 and 63 would be rejected as anticipated by Welt et al. U.S. 5,984,935.
5. Claims 50, 52, 62 and 64 would be objected to.
6. Claim 65 would be rejected in view of Metzler U.S. 1,892,068.

Claims 18, 26 and 33-66 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 18, 26 and 33-66 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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